

SPECIAL: Committee of the Whole Minutes
April 16, 2009 4:15 PM
601 West Jefferson Street
Louisville KY 40202
Third Floor, City Hall, Council Chambers

THIS IS CONSIDERED A SPECIAL MEETING

(D) - Jim King (10) EAB	(D) - Judy Green (1)	D) - Barbara Shanklin (2) EAB
(D) - Mary C. Woolridge (3) EAB	(D) - David Tandy (4)*	(D) - Cheri Bryant Hamilton (5)
(D) - George Unseld (6) EAB	(R) - Kenneth C. Fleming (7) EAB	(D) - Tom Owen (8)
(D) - Tina Ward-Pugh (9)	(R) - Kevin Kramer (11)	(D) - Rick Blackwell (12) EAB
(D) - Vicki Welch (13) AB	(D) - Robert Henderson (14)	(D) - Marianne Butler (15)
(R) - Kelly Downard (16)	(R) - Glen Stuckel (17) EAB	(R) - Jon Ackerson (18) EAB
(R) - Hal Heiner (19) EAB	(R) - Stuart Benson (20)	(D) - Dan Johnson (21) EAB
(R) - Robin Engel (22)	(R) - James Peden (23)	(D) - Madonna Flood (24)
(R) - Doug Hawkins (25) EAB	(R) - Brent Ackerson (26)	

* Denotes the Committee Chair: AB denotes absent; EAB denotes excused absence
Also in attendance: Jim McGovern, Office of the Mayor. Susan Neumayer, Office of the Mayor

President Tandy introduced the members of the Committee and stated those not in attendance had an excused absence until their arrival at the meeting. A quorum was established.

Discussion Items – Louisville at Work – Stimulus Update

President Tandy stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the American Recovery and Readjustment Act and how it affects Louisville Metro; how the work teams function, deadlines that need to be met.

Jim McGovern, Office of the Mayor, gave an overview of the stimulus funding process. (PowerPoint presentation attached)

Signed into law February 17, 2009

- \$787 Billion to be dispersed over 28 month period to stimulate economy
- To save or create 3-4 million jobs
- Move toward electronic health records management
- Double domestic renewable energy
- Weatherize 1 million homes
- Increase college affordability
- \$150 in infrastructure
- Credits for 129 million households

- \$54 Billion is obligated
- \$11 billion dispersed – most in transportation
- \$54 billion does not include funds coming from paycheck
- Move quickly into funding streams

Breakdown of funding streams

\$81 Billion Protecting Vulnerable
– food stamps, Medicaid

Infrastructure and Science

- \$48 billion for Transportation
- \$28 billion for Highways and Bridges
- \$8.4 Billion for high speed rail
- \$1.3 Billion for AMTRAK

Tqx Relief

- \$288 Billion in relief

Funding comes to us through the State – KY will get \$3 Billion

\$1 Billion off the top is for Medicaid

\$1 Billion for Education

\$272 Million for Health and Welfare

\$200 + range expected for Louisville

- \$40 Million designated in road funds for Louisville – rest of this year and next 2 fiscal years
- State Road Plan Biennium budget has Louisville road issues addressed – Gene Snyder, Greenwood Road, I-64 widening, \$14 million for Blue Lick, Buechel Bank, Outer Loop, Stonestreet, Mt. Washington, National Turnpike, I-65, KY 22, Watterson X-way.
- Not all are stimulus funded

\$1 million for Weatherization

Transportation/Infrastructure moving quickly

- Sidewalk List from Council
- Culverts – 100s – initially ineligible due to environmental study – negotiated – and raised at the VP level – ultimately small bridges and culverts will be done w/ o study

Websites

www.louisvilleky.gov/recovery

Linked to Recovery.gov

Shovel Ready Project List – original one for US Conference of Mayors – gave President and his team a notion of what was out there.

Louisville had a model structure for rest of country.

Everything now goes through teams

Job of teams is to prioritize items in their work area

- Directors
- Private Sector
- Congressman Yarmuth's office
- Office of the Governor
- President Tandy
- Rick Johnstone is leader

Vice President Biden has six other mayors advising him & Federal Agency directors

What problems are occurring?

10 teams – one or more council member on each team

ARRA Support Teams work with the 10 teams

- Accountability and Oversight
- State Representation
- Metro Council

- Grants Strike Team
- Federal Relations
- Support Staff: Johnstone, Neumayer and Mott

WORK TEAMS

Transportation and Infrastructure Team

\$137 Million identified as fitting the stimulus criteria
 -Includes Formula funding, competitive and discretionary funding
 - \$18.6 committed
 - \$20 Million in Infrastructure

\$38.6 – through formula and discretionary funding

Social Services & Homelessness Prevention Team

Multiple Work Team Partners
 \$4.9 Million committed
 Formula and competitive grants available – no discretionary funding

Public and Affordable Housing Team

\$125.7 Million identified
 \$23.2 Million current funding commitment
 Formula and competitive grants available – no discretionary funding

Workforce Training Team

Multiple outside work team partners
 \$5.1 Million current commitment
 \$650 Thousand – discretionary
 Formula and competitive grants available

Education Team

Multiple Work Team Partners
 Originally no funding for school rehabs-shovel ready projects
 Submitted \$100 million in school renovation
 Now submitted under energy efficiency
 \$51.7 Million committed
 Formula and competitive only – no discretionary

Public Protection Team

\$35 Million identified
 \$5 Million funding committed
 Competitive and Formula funding should help us do well

Economic Development and Energy Efficiency Team

\$132.1 Million economic development projects identified
 \$428.6 Million Energy Efficiency projects identified
 \$10.8 Million funding committed
 Formula, discretionary and competitive grants available
 When School funding went to \$0 – moved to Energy Efficiency

Water & Flood Protection Team

\$360.7 Million identified
 All goes through Kentucky Infrastructure Authority

Formula, discretionary and competitive available

Work Health & Wellness Team

Multiple agency work team partners
\$727 Thousand identified
\$1.2 Committed to date
Formula and competitive grants available

Arts & Faith-Based Groups Team

\$24.5 Million projects identified
Competitive Grant Funding Only
Funding going to existing grantees (NEA)

Useful information:

Washington Post
Stateline –www.stateline.org

All deadlines coming up in April
Short periods

Competitive Grants – real opportunity
Some due in April
Some in May

Encourage thinking of new ideas and unusual partnering of funds
Most teams have them
Energy efficiency have greatest opportunity – newest area
Stretch them across the teams

Questions:

Prioritize or informational formats
Concern over Budget programs in State – must be funded again-Education Team
People ready to go to work – technical workers training

The meeting adjourned without objection at 5:10 PM (EDT).

KJH

